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SUBJECT: EARLY WARNING - PACIFIC PORT PROJECT.

REF: GUATEMALA A-217 OF 10/26/73

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS ANZUETO TOLD EMBOFFS ON AUGUST 29, HE HAS SCHEDULED MEETING WITH PRES. LAUGERUD NEXT WEEK TO DISCUSS SUBJECT PROJECT. ANZUETO APPEARED CONFIDENT THAT LAUGERUD WILL ACCEPT HIS STRONG RECOMMENDATION THAT GOG PUSH AHEAD WITH PACIFIC COAST PORT PROJECT. ANZUETO BELIEVES THIS IS PRIORITY PROJECT IN VIEW LACK OF ADEQUATE GUATEMALAN PORT ON THIS COAST. ACCORDING TO ANZUETO, GOG WILL AVAIL ITSELF OF \$40 MILLION JAPANESE SOFT LOAN OFFER, TERMS BEING 30 YEARS WITH 10 YEARS GRACE AT ABOUT 4.5 PERCENT ANNUAL INTEREST RATE. ANZUETO SAID PORT PROJECT DOES NOT COME UNDER LAUGERUD'S AUSTERITY PROGRAM AS JAPANESE FINANCING WILL COVER ALL

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FOREIGN AND LOCAL EXPENDITURES ON PROJECT. HE ADDED

THAT PORT SHOULD PAY FOR ITSELF IN TWELVE YEARS.
COMMENT: IF JAPANESE OFFER ACCEPTED, THIS WILL CLOSE
ATTRACTIVE PROJECT TO EXPORTERS OF U.S. GOODS AND
SERVICES AS GUATEMALAN'S VERY FAVORABLY IMPRESSED
WITH JAPANESE EXPERTISE IN PORT AREA AND QUALITY
JAPANESE EQUIPMENT. ONLY OPPORTUNITY FOR U.S. FIRMS
APPARENTLY WILL BE IN FELD OF DREDGING.

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